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TITLE: Base electrode formation process for III-V group  
**heterojunction bipolar**

**transistor** - involves performing heat treatment after  
forming base electrode  
which is laminated multilayer body, on group III-V  
semiconductor base layer and  
on palladium alloyed base layer

PATENT-ASSIGNEE: FUJITSU LTD[FUIT]

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: JP 11233452A

BASIC-ABSTRACT: NOVELTY - Heat treatment process is done  
after forming a base  
electrode (11) on group III-**V compound semiconductor** base  
layer and on pd alloy  
group III-**V compound semiconductor** base layer. The base  
electrode is a  
multilayered laminated body which has pd layer, Ti layer,  
pt layer, Ti layer  
and **Au** layer in sequence.

USE - For III-V group **heterojunction bipolar transistor**  
**(HBT)** used in optical  
communication system.

ADVANTAGE - The high concentration impurity containing base layer is stable after heat treatment. The electrode contact resistance is very low therefore speed of operation is high.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the side sectional view of HBT.  
(11) Base electrode.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.2/2

TITLE-TERMS:

BASE ELECTRODE FORMATION PROCESS GROUP HETEROJUNCTION  
BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR

PERFORMANCE HEAT TREAT AFTER FORMING BASE ELECTRODE  
LAMINATE MULTILAYER BODY

GROUP SEMICONDUCTOR BASE LAYER PALLADIUM ALLOY BASE LAYER

DERWENT-CLASS: L03 U11 U12

CPI-CODES: L04-A02; L04-E01A;

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TITLE: Heterojunction bipolar transistor for e.g. gold  
air-bridge technology -  
has mesa with gallium-arsenide layer serving as buffer  
layer between contact  
layer on top of gallium-arsenide layer of thickness greater  
than 4000 Angstrom

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EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS: US 5569944A

The HBT includes a compound semiconductor material  
structure comprising several  
layers, a mesa, and a contact layer. At least one of the

structure layers is composed of e.g. GaAs (36), and one of the remaining layers (32) is formed of, e.g. AlGaAs. The mesa and the contact, e.g. Au, are on a layer of a third material which is doped a conductivity type opposite that of the GaAs and AlGaAs layers.

The mesa has a GaAs material layer atop an AlGaAs material layer, the GaAs layer serving as a buffer layer between a contact layer atop the original GaAs layer and the original AlGaAs layer. The original GaAs layer has a thickness greater than 4000 Angstrom and the original AlGaAs layer has a thickness less than that of the GaAs layer. The contact is adjacent the mesa.

USE/ADVANTAGE - For power transistor and low power logic transistor used in digital communications; SCR. Reference point for timing subsequent etches is established at point other than top of uppermost of layers, thereby improving accuracy with which depth of subsequent etching can be controlled. Improved etch depth accuracy directly relates to more producible and higher yield HBT devices. Permits mfr. of logic, transmitter, and receiver circuits on same chip.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1/13 Dwg.13/13

TITLE-TERMS:

HETEROJUNCTION BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR GOLD AIR BRIDGE  
TECHNOLOGY MESA GALLIUM  
ARSENIDE LAYER SERVE BUFFER LAYER CONTACT LAYER TOP GALLIUM  
ARSENIDE LAYER  
THICK GREATER ANGSTROM

ADDL-INDEXING-TERMS:

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Non-CPI Secondary Accession Numbers: N1996-409431

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5523623 A

TITLE: Ohmic electrode for a p-type compound semiconductor and a bipolar transistor incorporating the ohmic electrode

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ABPL:

An ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor is disclosed. The ohmic electrode formed on a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer includes nickel (Ni), titanium (Ti), and platinum (Pt) as main components in an interface between the ohmic electrode and the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer.

BSPR:

The present invention relates to a low resistance ohmic electrode for semiconductors composed of III-V group compounds having a p-type conductivity (hereinafter, such a semiconductor will be referred to as a "p-type III-V compound semiconductor"), and a bipolar transistor incorporating the ohmic electrode. The present invention relates to a method for producing the ohmic electrode and a method for producing the bipolar transistor.

BSPR:

The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor of the invention, formed on a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer, includes nickel (Ni), titanium (Ti), and platinum (Pt) as main components in an interface between the ohmic electrode and the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer.

BSPR:



According to another aspect of the invention, a method for producing an ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor, includes the steps of: forming a metal layer including Ni, Pt, and Ti as main components on a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer directly or via a thin layer; and alloying the metal layer with a portion of the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer by a heat treatment.

BSPR:

According to still another aspect of the invention, a bipolar transistor includes: a semiconductor multilayer structure including at least on a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer; and a p-type ohmic electrode formed on the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer and including Ni, Ti, and Pt as main components.

BSPR:

In one embodiment of the invention, the semiconductor multilayer structure further includes at least on an n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer and the bipolar transistor further comprises an n-type ohmic electrode formed on the n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer and including gold (Au), germanium (Ge), and Ni as main components.

BSPR:

According to still another aspect of the invention, a method for producing a bipolar transistor includes the steps of: forming a first metal layer including Ni, Pt, and Ti as main components on a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer directly or via a thin layer; and alloying the first metal layer with a portion of the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer by a heat treatment.

BSPR:

In another embodiment of the invention, the method further includes a step of forming a second metal layer including Au, Ge, and Ni as main components on an n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer directly or via another thin layer, the step being conducted between the step of forming the first metal layer and the alloying step.

BSPR:

In still another aspect of the invention, the second metal layer is simultaneously alloyed with the n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer at the alloying step.

BSPR:

According to still another aspect of the invention, a method for producing a bipolar transistor includes the steps of: etching a part of a semiconductor multilayer structure from the upper face thereof, wherein the semiconductor multilayer structure includes a first n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer, a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer stacked above the first n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer, and a second n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer stacked above the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer, and etching is performed until the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer is exposed or until a thin layer remains on the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer; forming a first metal film on the exposed p-type semiconductor layer or the exposed thin layer, the first metal film including Ni, Ti, and Pt or Pd; simultaneously etching the first metal film and the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer until the first n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer is exposed or until another thin layer

remains on the first  
n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer; forming a second  
metal film on the  
exposed first n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer or  
the exposed another  
thin layer, the second metal film including Au, Ge, and Ni;  
and alloying the  
first metal film with the p-type III-V compound  
semiconductor layer and  
alloying the second metal film with the first n-type III-V  
compound  
semiconductor layer by a heat treatment such that a p-type  
ohmic electrode and  
an n-type ohmic electrode are simultaneously formed on the  
p-type III-V  
compound semiconductor layer n-type III-V compound  
semiconductor layer,  
respectively.

BSPR:

By forming a metal layer including Ni, Ti, and Pt on a  
p-type III-V compound  
semiconductor layer directly or via a thin layer, and  
subjecting the metal  
layer to a heat treatment, the Ni and Ti prevents the  
generation of high  
resistance compounds such as PtAs.sub.2 or acts to prevent  
the Pt from becoming  
diffused deeply into the p-type III-V compound  
semiconductor layer, thereby  
providing a low contact resistance between the ohmic  
electrode and the p-type  
semiconductor layer. Furthermore, an alloy composed of Ni,  
Ti, and Pt has a  
lower Schottky junction with respect to p-type  
semiconductors than that  
obtained in the case of Pt alone.

CLPR:

1. An ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound  
semiconductor, the ohmic  
electrode being formed on a p-type III-V compound  
semiconductor layer, wherein  
the ohmic electrode includes nickel (Ni), titanium (Ti),  
and one of platinum  
(Pt) or palladium (Pal) as main components in an interface

between the ohmic electrode and the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer.

CLPR:

2. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 1, wherein the ohmic electrode includes Pd.

CLPR:

3. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 1, wherein the ohmic electrode includes Pt.

CLPR:

4. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 1, wherein the ohmic electrode is prepared by forming a metal layer made of Ni, Ti, and one of Pt or Pd on the p-type III-V compound semiconductor and alloying the metal layer with a portion of the p-type III-V compound semiconductor through a heat treatment at a temperature in a range of 360.degree. C. to 460.degree. C.

CLPR:

5. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 4, wherein the heat treatment is conducted at a temperature in a range of 370.degree. C. to 420.degree. C.

CLPR:

6. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 4, wherein the metal layer comprises a multilayer film comprising a Ni layer, a Ti layer, and a Pt layer, the Pt layer being an uppermost layer.

CLPR:

7. The ohmic electrode for a p-type III-V compound semiconductor according to claim 6, wherein the Ti layer has a thickness of 10 nm or

less.

CLPR:

8. A bipolar transistor comprising: a p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer; and an ohmic electrode formed on the p-type III-V compound semiconductor layer wherein the ohmic electrode comprises Ni, Ti, and one of Pt or Pd as main components.

CLPR:

9. The bipolar transistor according to claim 8 further comprising an n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer and a second ohmic electrode formed on the n-type III-V compound semiconductor layer wherein the second ohmic electrode comprises gold (Au), germanium (Ge), and nickel (Ni) as main components.

CLPR:

12. The bipolar transistor according to claim 8, wherein the ohmic electrode is prepared by forming a metal layer made of Ni, Ti, and one of Pt or Pd on the p-type III-V compound semiconductor and alloying the metal layer with a portion of the p-type III-V compound semiconductor through a heat treatment at a temperature of 370.degree. C. to 420.degree. C.